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SUBJECT: U.S. NAVAL SHIP VISIT TO LENINGRAD

1. I HAVE THIS DATE SENT THE FOLLOWING MESSAGE TO REAR ADMIRAL  
JUSTIN E. LANGILLE, III, COMMANDER OF CRUISER DESTROYER GROUP 12  
OF THE UNITED STATES NAVY:

2. BEGIN TEXT

QTE AS YOUR FINE SHIPS SAIL AWAY FROM LENINGRAD I WANT TO EXPRESS  
MY SINCERE APPRECIATION OF THE SUPERB MANNER IN WHICH YOU,  
CAPTAIN SINCLAIR, COMMANDER FEATHERSTONE, AND YOUR OFFICERS  
AND MEN, HAVE MADE THIS HISTORIC VISIT A COMPLETE SUCCESS.  
CONGRATULATIONS FOR A JOB VERY WELL DONE. MY STAFF AND I WERE  
DEEPLY IMPRESSED BY YOUR THOROUGH PROFESSIONALISM AND OUTSTANDING  
LEADERSHIP. YOU MAY BE CONFIDENT THAT YOUR EFFORTS THIS PAST  
WEEK HAVE CONTRIBUTED MEASURABLY NOT ONLY TO OUR PARTICULAR  
MISSION HERE IN LENINGRAD, BUT, AS WELL, TO OUR OVERALL FOREIGN  
POLICY RELATIONSHIP WITH THE SOVIET UNION.

QTE YOU SHOWED THE STRENGTH AND FIRMNESS OF THE UNITED STATES  
OF AMERICA AND YOU EQUALLY ILLUSTRATED THAT A POWERFUL UNITED  
STATES NAVY IS A KEY ELEMENT IN THE SUCCESSFUL EXECUTION OF  
OUR FOREIGN POLICY GOALS. YOU SUCCEEDED BEYOND DOUBT IN  
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EARNING THE RESPECT OF YOUR SOVIET HOSTS -- LEAVING HIGHLY

FAVORABLE IMPRESSIONS WHICH WILL CONTINUE TO ASSIST US IN OUR WORK HERE -- BY PROVIDING A CONCRETE EXAMPLE OF PEACE THROUGH STRENGTH AND OF ESPRIT AND GRACIOUSNESS.

QTE ON BEHALF OF THE CONSULATE GENERAL IN LENINGRAD, I COMMEND YOU AND YOUR OFFICERS AND MEN AND WISH YOU EVERY SUCCESS AS YOU TAKE UP YOUR DUTY STATIONS IN THE MEDITERRANEAN. IT WOULD BE OUR GREATEST PLEASURE TO WELCOME YOU HERE AGAIN AND YOU MAY BE CERTAIN THAT BOTH WE AND THE CITY OF LENINGRAD WILL LONG REMEMBER THIS HISTORIC VISIT. UNQTE

3. THE ABOVE MESSAGE EXPRESSES MY MOST SINCERE VIEWS REGARDING THE GREAT SUCCESS OF THE U.S. NAVAL SHIP VISIT TO LENINGRAD, MAY 12-17, 1975. I WOULD LIKE SIMPLY TO BRING TO YOUR PERSONAL ATTENTION MY GRATITUDE TO REAR ADMIRAL LANGILLE AND MY HIGH APPRECIATION OF HIS OUTSTANDING LEADERSHIP IN INSURING THE COMPLETE SUCCESS OF THIS VIST. HE DESERVES SPECIAL COMMENDATION FOR COMBINING THE BEST QUALITIES OF AN ASTUTE COMMANDER AND ACCOMPLISHED DIPLOMAT DURING FIVE DAYS IN LENINGRAD WHICH WILL NOT BE FORGOTTEN. YOU AND THE UNITED STATES NAVY MAY TAKE PRIDE IN THE FACT THAT JACK LANGILLE MADE THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA STAND TALL IN THE EYES OF LENINGRADERS, AND THAT HE AND HIS COMMANDERS HIGHLY IMPRESSED THE SOVIET NAVAL, MILITARY, AND CIVILIAN LEADERS WITH WHOM THEY WERE INVOLVED HERE. THESE OFFICIALS WERE UNSTINTING IN THEIR PRAISE AND, MOREOVER, HAVE ASSURED ME THAT THIS HAS BEEN PASSED ON TO THE HIGHEST LEVELS OF THE SOVIET LEADERSHIP.

4. I CONGRATULATE YOU ON HAVING COMMANDERS OF JACK LANGILLE'S EXCELLENCE, TYPIFYING THE PROFESSIONALISM AND VITAL ROLE OF THE UNITED STATES NAVY IN THE ADVANCEMENT OF OUR COUNTRY'S POLICIES.  
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